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Plantation Farm Stretham, part of the Manor Farm Estate

New owner of Stretham Manor Estate – 1926

SIR Frederick Hiam, the well-known Cambridgeshire agriculturalist has purchased the Stretham Manor Estate which covers 1,438 acres of high land and fen land as well as the Littleport farm of 223 acres and the Bottisham farm of 196 acres, making the total acreage of 1,857

There are about 20 tenancies in the Stretham Manor Estate which was the property of Captain H.W.M. Willis, son of the late respected General Sir George Willis who owned it for a considerable number of years.

Sir Frederick said he should not disturb any of the present tenants if he could help it. What he was anxious to do was to open that part of the country up for growing sugar beet.

They had the water and the railway close to the land which was within easy reach of the factory at Ely.

Sir Frederick is particularly anxious that the present tenants should grow sugar beet and also go in for more intensive cultivation of the land.

Don injured when cab hits a post – 1909

COL. Caldwell, master of Corpus Christi College, was being driven in a taxi cab back from Milton when, owing to the density of the fog, the driver, Charles Glasscock, made a miscalculation where the railway divides from the main road and ran his cab into a stout post.

The master was thrown violently forward and sustained cuts on his face, the driver was taken to hospital. The taxi, the forepart of which was damaged, was towed back during the night.

Swavesey scissor sharpener dies on roadside – 1909

AN old tramp known by the sobriquet 'scissor sharpener' was discovered lying by the side of the road in Swavesey.

He was apparently dead, for all efforts to revive him were unavailing.

A search of his pockets revealed a twist, two pieces of whetstone, a pipe, a halfpenny and a matchbox. David Garner of the Red Lion said he had known the deceased for four or five years. He went by the name of 'scissor sharpener' which he believed was his trade.

He said nothing about himself but had been getting very feeble during the last two years.

A scissor grinder at work

An Indian Prime Minister was forced to hitch a lift on a milk cart when his cab failed to turn up

Poor service for Indian Prime Minister – 1900

AN Indian Prime Minister engaged a cab to attend a dinner at Downing College, Cambridge, and made an engagement for the driver to call at his lodgings to convey him back to the station next morning.

The cab never turned up and, driven to extremity, the minister prevailed upon a passing milkman to take his portmanteau to the station.

Being a pretty good runner he started off but became exhausted and got into the milk cart which contained his luggage. Not wishing to be recognised, he took off his turban and turned his collar up, hiding his face.

His Highness was naturally in no good humour. Such an incident cannot fail to give the town a bad name

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